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## California Man Sentenced to 23½ Years for Shooting Culpeper, Virginia Victim

WASHINGTON - Acting U.S. Attorney Channing Phillips announced today that a 27-year-old California man, Isaac "Cali" Mosley, was sentenced on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 to a total of 23½ years in prison and 11 years of supervised release in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia by the Honorable Harold Dixon, for his role in a February 2008 attempt to kill a Culpeper, Virginia man. On March 5, 2009, following a week-long trial, a D.C. Superior Court jury found Mosley guilty of Assault with Intent to Kill While Armed, Possession of a Firearm During a Crime of Violence, Possession of a Firearm By a Convicted Felon, and related weapons offenses.

According to government evidence presented at trial, on February 15, 2008 at approximately 7:00 p.m., in an apartment in the 1700 block of H Street N.E., Mosley and an associate cornered the victim, a Culpeper, Virginia man, at gunpoint. The victim knew Mosley and others from the apartment building, which Mosley and his associates used to sell crack cocaine and heroin. Mosley and his associate confronted the victim about an alleged debt and an argument ensued. After telling the victim that he was "dead," Mosley fired a semi-automatic pistol at the victim at point-blank range, wounding him in the left shoulder.

The victim managed to escape, reaching his fiance and children in a truck parked in front of the apartment building. The victim was driven to a nearby grocery store, where the police and an ambulance were called. After the victim received medical treatment, MPD officers began investigating the case, recovering evidence of the shooting inside the apartment. Officers were also able to find a downstairs neighbor who overheard the confrontation and shooting, and other witnesses who corroborated the victim's account.

Over the next several weeks, Mosley called the victim to threaten him, and contacted at least one witness in the Culpeper, VA area, seeking the victim's address, he implied, to "finish the job." Eventually, Mosley was arrested after he had fled to his native California.

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In announcing the sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips commended Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Detectives Eric Fenton and Thomas Stein, the lead detectives on the case, along with Detectives Jonathan Clingerman and Carter Adams, Crime Scene Officers Amber Chesla and Nathaniel Covington, and Officer Andrew Gamm. Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips also expressed his appreciation to paralegals Kalisha Johnson-Clark and Antoinette Sakamsa, who prepared the case for trial, Assistant U.S. Attorneys Melinda Williams and Keith Becker, who investigated and indicted the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathan Hooks, who handled trial and sentencing.

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